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New JFK probe

Five years after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas and three years after the publication of the Warren Commission report, there are rumblings on Capitol Hill of a possible "re-opening" of the investigation into JFK's death.

Investigators of at least one Congressional subcommittee have been spending the major portion of their time interviewing persons who might have additional leads on the case.

The Warren Commission, established by President Johnson to investigate the assassination, found that the shooting was the work of one man, Lee Harvey Oswald. Many assassination buffs, however, have contended that a conspiracy may have been behind the murder.

A Capitol Hill source said the Congressional subcommittee began looking into the assassination "as more or less a hobby. But it became a fulltime job when they began noticing further discrepancies in the Warren report and other published and unpublished documents."

Subcommittee members have indicated that if it is not possible to continue the investigation under Congressional auspices, they will continue on their own.

A spokesman said the advent of a new Administration might enable further investigation into the case without fear of contradicting the Warren Report. "This is not to say that the present Administration has hampered any investigation; merely it is pointing out that an administration totally unconnected with the assassination might not be so emotionally involved in re-opening old wounds," he added.

The subcommittee's investigation would probably focus on such questions as: "Was there a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy?", "How many shots were fired and from which direction?" and "Was Oswald the only assassin?" It would seek disclosure of now-private evidence, such as autopsy photos.

The subcommittee, which has found some Congressmen sympathetic with a re-opening of the case, said it is interested in investigating "many" types of conspiracy theories."